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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St.Poelten and Urfahr

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 February 1955, a sedan, a truck and 2 jeeps were parked in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building on Schiessstatt Ring in St.Poelten (O 49/W 88). The court building was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets. Sedan [] with a driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets arrived at the site.

2. Six soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia entered the Eugen Kaserne. An undetermined number of soldiers swept snow in the area of the Rainer Kaserne where 4 trucks, 2 tanks and an armored half-track vehicle were parked. The radiators of another 21 motor vehicles were observed through open doors of the garages.

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3. Truck [] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets entered the area of the Franz Josef Kaserne. Two boxcars were observed on the railroad spur at the former mill at 88 Wiener Strasse which was entered by a major wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Trucks [] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [] with a civilian driver entered or left this installation. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne included trucks [] jeep [] and driving-school truck [] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and truck [] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The kaserne was guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered red epaulets.

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4. Five trucks, 3 van-like motor vehicles, 2 tank trucks and 2 armored half-track vehicles were parked in the area of Camp Spratzern which was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles observed at the camp included jeep [] van-like motor vehicles [] and [] and trucks [] all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; jeep [] and truck [] with drivers wearing black-bordered red epaulets; and truck [] with a driver wearing black-bordered black epaulets.

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5. According to residents of St.Poelten, a minor shipment of tanks and motor vehicles departed during the week from 14 to 20 February 1955, allegedly for the Doellersheim (O 49/R 53) training grounds. 1

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6. On 21 February 1955, a lieutenant colonel and 3 majors, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and a major wearing red-bordered green epaulets were observed at the Auhof Kaserne northeast of Urfahr (N 49/V 88) where only limited activity was seen. The radiators of 18 motor vehicles were observed under the shedroofs in the area of the installation, and 2 trucks and 2 jeeps were parked in front of these structures. About 20 soldiers swept snow in the area between these motor vehicles. The training ground west of the installation was empty. Motor vehicles observed entering or leaving the installation included truck [REDACTED] van-like motor vehicle [REDACTED] and jeep [REDACTED], all with drivers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and van-like motor vehicle [REDACTED] with a driver wearing black-bordered red epaulets. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The former Kreisgericht (district court) building quarters the division headquarters of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, the Eugen Kaserne, the 109th Gds Engr Bn of the same division, the Rainer Kaserne an undetermined unit, the Franz Josef Kaserne the 140th Gds Sig Bn of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and Camp Spratzern the 150th Tank SP Regt of the same division. All motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to this division. The shipments observed substantiate the belief that individual units hold winter firing practices at the training grounds.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Auhof Kaserne quarters the 287th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div to which the motor vehicles observed also belong.

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